#### The Official Newsletter of the Kansas City DX Club



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#### NEXT KCDXC MEETING: July 29- Another one-time location switch -

The July meeting will be held on Monday, July 29, at 6:00 p.m. - Shawnee Library, 13811 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS 66216. The program will be a video of the Scarborough Reef Dxpedition. It will be followed by the famous Pie Eating Contest at Perkins after the KCDXC meeting.

#### SAD MONTH FOR KCDXC

This past month the KCDXC has lost two strong supporters. KORWL and KOIFO have become Silent Keys. KORWL served as a President of the KCDXC back in the 1980's and was a very active and well known contest operator in Zero Land. Larry retired to West Plains, Mo, and spent the last months of his life in a nursing home. KOIFO, a current member, known for his technical knowledge and kind demeanor toward all, died suddenly after an accident while working in his driveway.





KØRWL KØIFO

## KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

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K0CS	357	320	352			233	85	2377
AB0X	357	353	349	230		223	23	2356
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
W0JLC	353	351	331			102		
NØRB	352	346	350				23	1806
КОСА	350	349	348	329	318	110		2627
NX0I	350	349	347	244		208	4	2502
N0CWR	349	348	349	312	860	179	35	2816
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
КЗРА	350	348	345	317		169	36	2701
KS0DX	347	318	348	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	347	334	330	255	172	172	2	2267
K0GY	344	340	344	290			5	2312
KB0X	336							
КОАР	333	331	325	295		47	5	2353
W0QQ	333	217	331	153	151	42		1516
KOTHN	329	314	284		179	1		1849
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0W0F	330							
K4SX	331	277	314	146		52		1617
W0MB	325	229	324	251				1165
W0FS	322	270	295	230	657	181		1770
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1852
K0XM	305	248	221	20	26	87		936
AC0C	302	292	233	220		87	2	1822
KG0UA	283	277	116			4		
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	833
W0XE	248	216	193	14				888
W0DR	225	188	174	5		5	7	
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
KY0F	140	2	140				1	
AA0LV	112							
W0ZAP	103	31	72	54		1	3	218
KRØCK	63	17	56			1	1	102
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Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Total are with deletions. NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to <a href="mailto:ab0x@kc.rr.com">ab0x@kc.rr.com</a>. Please only one update a month.

### Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes Carmack Community Room, Central Resource Library Overland Park, KS

The June, 2019 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President Russ Woirhaye, K0VXU at 6:15 pm CDT (June 24, 2019 2315 UTC). (The meeting room was occupied by another group prior to the meeting.)

Agenda -

- Greeting and Introduction of Guests
- DXing and Contesting
- Discussion of Field Day
- HK0NA Malpelo 2012 DXpedition by K4UEE
- Closing World Famous Pie Eating and Tall-Tale Telling @ Perkins

Introductions -

We introduced ourselves. No guests were announced.

DXing and Contesting

DXing for July

Based on NG3K website: <a href="http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html">http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html</a>

Some good ones mentioned: T2AR Tuvalu, XW4XR Laos (difficult), H44MS Solomon IS, E44WE Palestine, 4L Georgia, 8Q7SU Maldives, CY9C St. Paul Islands (big group).

Contesting for July

Based on WA7BNM website: <a href="http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/">http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/</a>

RAC Canada Day July 1
IARU HF July 13
CQ WW VHF July 20
NAQP RTTY July 20
Run for the Bacon QRP July 22
RSGB IOTA July 28
Field Day

Many groups had great difficulties with propagation. Several did not even try to sat around and talked among themselves.

Russ, KØVXU, talked about the Field Day others had at Jeff, ACØC's QTH. When tower, a guy anchor pulled out and the destroying the 20 meter beam and damaging was hurt. They improvised and got on the storms produced a very noisy electrical eventually close by lightning damaged a temporarily scrambled a K3. Then the floods

HKONA Malpelo 2012 DXpedition Video by Bob,



weather and poor setup. Others just

adventures he and erecting an antenna tower fell over, the tower. No one air. The approaching atmosphere and power supply and came.

K4UEE

This was a good video produced by Bob of this very challenging DXpedition in 2012 which won the Southwest Ohio DX Association DXpedition of the year award at Dayton. Charlie,

KOTHN, said after the video that it made his knee hurt, just watching it as the members had to climb steep rocks in high heat to conduct this expedition.

#### Announcements

Election of Officers - this is coming up in November. Be ready if you wish to have an office.

#### Upcoming meetings:

- \*\*\*The July 29<sup>th</sup> meeting would be at 6:15 PM to 8:00PM at the Shawnee Public Library 13811 Johnson Dr. Shawnee in Veterans Park. Program TBD\*\*\*.
- August 26 TBD
- September 30 Bob Heil Heil Sound
- October 28 Charlie Hett KOTHN and Gary Auchard WOMNA will talk about Parasets (WWII clandestine radio replicas) and other projects.

If you want to update your DX status on the web site or in the newsletter contact Don, WOXE or Mike, ABOX.

If you need a ride or you know of someone who needs a ride to our meetings let Russ, KOVXU know. We would like to make sure everyone who wishes to attend can do so. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Charles Hett, KOTHN KCDX Club Secretary

#### WAOWOF TRIP TO A5 FEATURED IN OSAKA RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

A52YL(WA0WOF) DXpedition was featured in the Osaka Radio Club Newsletter for June 2018. Kay sent over a copy, but it was all in Japanese! So, the great pics were reprinted.

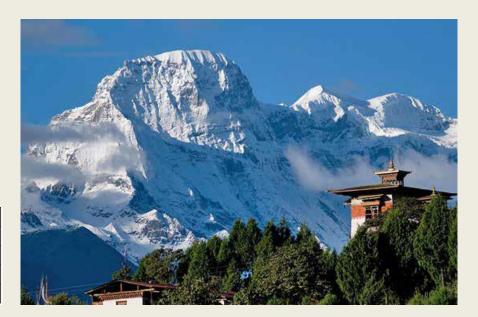


今年のブータンは今までと違った!!



JA3IVU WAØWOF JR3MVF JH3AEF





	CW	SSB	FT8
A52YL	10	873	1256
A52AEF	0	8	128
A52IVU	0	0	128
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#### CROWNE PLAZA ROOMS FOR DAYTON 2020!!

The KCDXC contract with Crowne Plaza has been completed for 2020! W0ZAP will be accepting your reservations for Hamvention 2020. The cost for rooms for 2020 will remain the same as in the past at \$149 for a standard block of three nights over Hamvention weekend starting on Thursday, May 16, with check out on Sunday morning, May 19. Double rooms are available for club members with roommates or singles for one bed rooms. Contact W0ZAP at <a href="rickp098@gmail.com">rickp098@gmail.com</a>, to make your room reservation for Hamvention 2020. As in the past we must prepay the first night's stay prior to the end of March 2020.

# Dayton Hamvention 2019 Attendance Approaches All-Time Peak 07/15/2019

The Hamvention Executive Team announced on July 15 that attendance at <a href="Dayton Hamvention">Dayton Hamvention</a>
2019 was 32,472. This marks the highest attendance recorded since Hamvention moved in 2017 from Hara Arena to the Greene County Fairgrounds and Exposition Center in Xenia, Ohio. This year's attendance also approached an all-time Hamvention high. Attendance at the show peaked in 1993 at 33,669, before the 1996 change in date from April to May while Hamvention was still being held at Hara Arena. Last year, Hamvention welcomed 28,417 visitors in its second year in Xenia. Attendance in 2016 for the show's final year at Hara was 25,364. <a href="Hamvention">Hamvention</a> hosted the ARRL 2019 National Convention, and both embraced the theme of "Mentoring the Next Generation."

"Our early indications were that 2019 would be a big year, and it lived up to our expectations," Hamvention General Chair Jack Gerbs, WB8SCT, said. "Our more than 700 volunteers worked hard to ensure that we presented a great show for our visitors. It wouldn't have been possible without them. I also want to thank all our vendors and visitors and hope they will all be back next year."

Hamvention officials suggested that a small factor behind the increased attendance could have been the free admission on Sunday. Sunday-only tickets accounted for some 800 of

the total attendance. The open admission day was an effort to allow local non-hams to experience Hamvention, and free Sunday admission is expected to be continued next year, Hamvention officials said.

Assistant General Chair Rick Allnutt, WS8G, said that amateur operators from all US states and territories and 60 other countries attended Dayton Hamvention 2019. According to Allnutt, comments received about the show were overwhelmingly positive.

Gerbs said the Agricultural Society, Greene County, Xenia Township, and the City of Xenia cooperated in making Hamvention 2019 a success.

The world's largest Amateur Radio exposition, Dayton Hamvention is sponsored by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) every third full weekend in May. Hamvention 2020 will take place on May 15, 16, and 17.

## FAA Reauthorization Act Language Serves to Exclude Vast Majority of Amateur Radio Towers 07/12/2019

Language in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2018 will exclude all but a small number of Amateur Radio towers from marking requirements. Thanks to action taken in 2017 and 2018 by ARRL, the bill's original language was amended to the extent that amateur towers, as well as residential towers used for over-the-air TV reception, were effectively exempted from marking requirements.

The topic was addressed at the annual "Ham Radio and the Law" forum at the <u>Dayton</u> <u>Hamvention</u>® this past May. Some key points from that presentation: (1) Towers covered by the rules are structures at least 50 feet tall that support an antenna and are located in a rural area or on farmland or immediately adjacent to such land. (2) According to the Act, the term "covered tower" does *not* include any structure that is adjacent to a house, barn, or other building, and "is within the curtilage of a farmstead or adjacent to another building or visible structure."

ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, explains that, while a few Amateur Radio towers will fall under the Act's marking requirements and will have to be registered, towers in residential yards or within farmland are specifically exempted.

More information is on the ARRL website.

#### De ARRL WEB PAGE

Editor's note: Most all of us are not affected by this new ruling concerning tower FAA rules.

#### ACOC WINS ARRL RTTY ROUNDUP!

Congrats go out to Jeff, ACOC, for his big win in the 2019 ARRL RTTY Roundup. Jeff scored over 240 K in the event and beat his nearest competitor by 9K points! The results were just announced in the August *QST*. All the hard work and tower climbing has paid off!

#### DX NEWS & VIEWS BY ABOX

As the summer heat peaks on Kansas City, one can dream of cool breezes and new DX, but for now there's little activity on the bands. Rumors of Bouvet in the coming months abound, but that is a wait and see situation, mostly wait. Here's what is currently active and on the way in the near future. Get rested because there's some good DX coming in the next few weeks! See Below:

1A0, SMOM. Members of the DxFriends Team will lead a DXpedition to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM) to be active between July 15-21st.Operators mentioned are Tony/EA5RM (Team Leader), Alberto/EA1SA, Gen/EA5EL,Raul/EA5KA, Javi/EA5KM, Manuel/EA7AJR, Jose/EA7KW, Tony/F8ATS, Bernard/F9IE, Simone/IK5RUN, Fabrizio/IN3ZNR, Giorgio/IZ4AKS, Luca/IW0DJB and Ken/LA7GIA. They will use the callsign 1A0C. Activity will be on 80-6 meters (including 60/30/17/12m bands) using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8, with at least three stations on the air. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 3524, 5360, 7004, 10104, 14024, 18074, 21024, 24894 and 28024 kHz SSB - 3780, 5360, 7065/7160, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945 and 28495 kHz FT8 - 3571, 5357, 7041, 10131, 14071, 18096, 21071, 24915 and 28071 kHz

RTTY - 14080 kHz

6m - 50103/CW, 50120/SSB and 50313/FT8

QSL via EA5RM. An online log and OQRS will be available. For more details and updates, go to: http://www.1A0C.com and http://www.dxfriends.com

5H, TANZANIA. Fabian, DF3XY, is now or expected to be active as 5H1XY from Zanzibar Island (AF-032). The length of his stay is unknown. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

5H, TANZANIA. Operators Alex/K2BB, Pavel/UU0JR and possibly others will be active as 5H3EME and 5H3UA, respectively, from Zanzibar Island (AF-032), approx. November 15-30th. Activity will be on various HF and VHF bands using CW, SSB, the Digital modes and EME. EME will be on 6m, 2m and possibly 70cm. Also, look for them to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th).

N7, UNITED STATES (Special Event). Look for the special event station, N7C, from the Navajo Code Talkers Memorial Park located in Window Rock, Arizona, between August 14-18th. The special event is commemorating the Marine Navajo Code Talkers and their contribution to winning the War in the Pacific at the end of WW II. Activity will be on 40/20/17 meters, the suggested frequencies are 14265, 7265 and 18133 kHz. QSL Manager is N7HG.

SV/A, MOUNT ATHOS (Update to OPDX.1420). A couple of weeks ago OPDX was contacted by Kostas Stamatis, SV1DPI, and he updated/corrected details about Monk Iakovos, SV2RSG. He mentioned that Monk Iakovos does not have a license from the Holy Council to operate, so his QSOs are "NOT" good for DXCC. However, in the August QST (pages 65-67) there is an interesting article called "A Pilgrimage to Mount Athos" written by Peter Vekinis, LX1QF/KH6VP/SV0GV, where he states, "Monk Iakovos is currently the only one permitted to operator from Mount Athos.... Monk Iakovos is a SSB operator who wants to improve his CW knowledge.... he hopes to have a full Amateur Radio station set up by the end of 2019. He already has a donated IC-7300, small handheld transceiver, and a few other pieces of equipment. His biggest issue is that he has no power and needs to have a beam antenna and solar panels installed." OPDX has written to Kostas, SV1DPI, about the recent article and he stated that he cannot confirm whether Monk Iakovos has received a license from the Holy Council to operate. He did say that since Peter, KH6VP, is Greek, he also and possibly has better info. Kostas suggested to contact the DXCC to see if they are now accepting SV2RSG QSLs for Mount Athos. OPDX has sent an E-mail to ARRL Field Services and Radiosport Manager Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, to see if the SV2RSG QSLs are good for Mount Athos, but we have not received a reply back as of print time. All we can say WFWL (Work First Worry Later)...

ADDED NOTE: Also in the August QST (pages 92-93) there is a excellent article written by Bernie McClenny, W3UR, called -- "Remembering Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A, Mount Athos'

First Ham". It contains details about the history of Monk Apollo, Mount Athos and how it got its DXCC status. (Nice story. Every DXer should read this story in QST-Editor)

T33T BANABA ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS. Looks like this activity "may" take a little longer than expected. Dom, 3Z9DX, was seen reporting problems (on FaceBook https://www.facebook.com/groups/110389536041840/) with the 3 Icom IC-7300 radios that were used on the 3D2CR Conway Reef DXpedition. He states, "3 Icoms 7300 lost RX audio after been used on expedition for 10 days in high temp and very high humidity." Radios are currently at Icom Japan.

ADDED NOTES. NO specific dates were announced yet. It is recommended to watch the T33T (Banaba Island) on the QRZ.com Web pages, the Rebel DX Groups Web and FaceBook pages for updates: <a href="https://www.rebeldxgroup.com">https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup</a>
Also, keep an eye on 3Z9DX tracker at:

https://share.findmespot.com/shared/faces/viewspots.jsp?glId=0tARRAqk3ftzEN8piDb2UOWqGrn
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VP6R PITCAIRN ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Update). The following was posted on July 9th and 10th:

\* July 9, 2019: Our sea container arrived in New Zealand on schedule and intact. It has cleared customs and quarantine. Its contents and associated documentation were such that no fumigation was required.

The next step will be unloading the container and transferring our supplies and equipment to the Braveheart when the vessel is ready to take them aboard and secure them.

Now — we have to pay this.....

\* July 10, 2019: We deeply regret that Jerry, WB9Z, must withdraw from the Pitcairn Island on-island DXpedition team. Jerry has had longstanding knee problems and feels the stresses from the Pitcairn Island terrain may cause him undue pain and difficulty. However, Jerry will assume the role of our chief pilot and remain very much involved with the DXpedition. Our thanks to Jerry for what he has already contributed and for the role he is assuming.

Allan, EA3HSO, will take Jerry's place on the island. Allan is a budding new DXpeditioner with an exceptional skill set, team-orientated attitude, abundant energy, and a voice for Europe. Welcome to the team, Allan!

VP8/VP8DXU SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS (AN-008) DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release, dated July 9th)[edited]. We are pleased to announce that Hans-Peter Blaettler, HB9BXE, has joined the team. An experienced DX and contest operator, he was first licensed in 1978, and primarily operates CW. He previously operated as: HB0BXE, VK4BXE, 5H1BP, XV4B, and was a team member of the following DX-peditions:

- St. Brandon 3B7RF
- P29VBC New Guinea
- 3Y0X Peter 1
- VK0EK Heard Island

Additionally, he was the team leader for:

- 3B6RF DX-pedition to Agalega
- 3W6C DX-pedition to Côn Có Island (Vietnam)

YJ, VANUATU (Update/Reminder). Geoff, ZL3GA, will once again be active as YJ0GA from a new beachfront location in the North of Efate, Efate Island (OC-035), between July 21st and August 3rd. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using a FT-450D with 100 watts. Modes will be predominately CW and FT8 with some SSB as well. He will also have a CrankIR and an End Fed Half Wave vertical near the sea. He will be in the RSGB IOTA

Contest (July 27-28th). QSL via his home callsign, direct, ClubLog's OQRS (Bureau & direct) or LoTW (preferred). For more details, especially from his past operations (with pictures), see his QRZ.com page.

ZK3A TOKELAU ISLANDS DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release, date July 9th). [edited] Planning is on schedule for the ZK3A DXpedition to Tokelau Island IOTA OC-048.

The DXpedition will run from October 1-11th, 2019. Tokelau Island ranks #40 most wanted in the world, and #26 most wanted in Europe according to ClubLog. We are excited to have an advanced set-up team who will build a 160M four square from an existing 40M high tower.

Fund Raising continues as we are currently seeking donations from DX Clubs and Foundations. More donor logos and names are being added to our website (https://tokelau2019.com). Individual DXer support is also very important. Individual donors of 25 USDs or more will receive free OQRS and LoTW upload upon DXpedition completion. All donations are welcome and we appreciate the support we are receiving from the DX community. Thank You, Team ZK3A

THANKS OHIO/PENN DX BULLETIN!

Contact the Editor at ab0x@kc.rr.com if you have news or comments for the newsletter!

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